

PATENT APPLICATION

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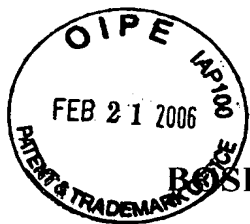
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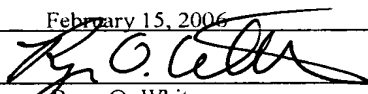
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AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 15, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for the Examiner's consideration in connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith.

Listing of Claims/Amendments to Claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.